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SUBJECT: ECEVIT VISIT

1. VISIT OF FORMER TURKISH PRIME MINISTER BULENT ECEVIT TO NORWAY (DEC 14-16) AS GUEST OF NORWEGIAN LABOR PARTY WENT OFF SMOOTHLY. ECEVIT MET WITH OUTGOING PM BRATTELI; HIS ANNOUNCED SUCCESSOR ODVAR NORDLI, LABOR PARTY CHAIRMAN REIULF STEEN AND ASSORTED LABOR LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT MINISTERS.

2. IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS ECEVIT EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ON RESUMPTION OF CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS BUT VOICED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF NATO HAD NOT FILLED GAP LEFT BY US ARMS EMBARGO. HE SPOKE OF NEED FOR MORE INDEPENDENT SECURITY POSTURE FOR TURKEY WITHIN NATO.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN HIS PRIVATE COMMENTS ECEVIT COMPLAINED OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BURDENS THAT NATO DEFENSE OBLIGATIONS AND US ARMS EMBARGO IMPOSED

ON POOR NATION BUT OBSERVED THAT TURKEY MUST REMAIN IN NATO TO AVOID UPSETTING INTERNATIONAL POWER BALANCE. ON QUESTION OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE,ECEVIT EMPHASIZED THE "TRIPARTITE" THESIS--ARAB OIL MONEY,SCANDINAVIAN TECHNOLOGY AND TURKISH DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. NORWEGIANS WERE RECEPTIVE BUT NON-COMMITTAL ON DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ISSUE.

4. DISCUSSION WITH LABOR PARTY CHAIRMAN STEEN PRODUCED THREE-POINT AGREEMENT FOR FUTURE COOPERATION BETWEEN NORWEGIAN LABOR PARTY AND TURKISH REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY: (A)LABOR PARTY DELEGATION WILL VISIT TURKEY IN SPRING 1976; (B) TWO PARTIES WILL SEEK TO ESTABLISH JOINT WORKING GROUP WITH OTHER SCANDINAVIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY FOUNDED ON "SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES" I.E., A MIDDLE ROAD BETWEEN COMMUNISM AND CAPITALISM. IF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP PROVES VIABLE,CREATION OF A PERMANENT SCANDINAVIAN-TURKISH DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE COULD THEN BE EXPLORED; (C) CONSIDER DESIRABILITY OF FORMING A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE SECURITY POLICY AND "FLANK" ISSUES.

5. COMMENT: VISIT PROVIDED ECEVIT WITH OPPORTUNITY TO AIR SOME WELL-KNOWN GRIEVANCES WHILE URGING INCREASED DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FROM NORWAY.
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